[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

a particular order reckoning from the date of his appointment. Many teachers were entertained on the *same* date. As between these teachers, the question of relative seniority formed a subject of complaint; then the previous service of these men had to be considered.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Can the member give the House any idea as to the further time required for settling this matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think a very long time would elapse hereafter, because the list is now before the Director and the Director has been asked to do the needful.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Seeing that several years have elapsed since the revision began to be made, I should like to know whether the member can give an approximate idea of the actual length of time that will be required hereafter?

MR T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It cannot now be said. The Director is at it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I put the question because the lapse of considerable time conveys no meaning.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Reasons have been given for the length of time. The matter will be taken up very soon.

The Trivandrum Water Supply Scheme.

72. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the progress made in regard to the Trivandrum Water Supply Scheme; and

(*b*) the amount that has been spent up to date (3rd Karkatakam 1103) for this scheme from the current year's (1103) budget allotment?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The preliminary investigation work connected with the scheme is in progress and the detailed estimates and plans are awaited. A brief report* about the progress in the investigation work, furnished by the Chief Engineer, is laid on the table.

(*b*) Rs. 28,080-1-0 to the end of Mithunam 1103.

Research Laboratory of the Industrial Department.

73. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the functions of the Industrial Chemist;

(*b*) whether it is possible to do researches in the Research Laboratory attached to the Department of Industries; and

* *Vide* Appendix II—pages 465.

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(*c*) if so, the nature and extent of the researches that have already been conducted or could be conducted in the Research Laboratory of the Department of Industries?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Investigation of raw materials and industrial processes, giving of technical advice on matters pertaining to chemical industries and doing propaganda work.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Reports of the researches will be found in the annual administration reports and in the departmental bulletins.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the research laboratory is fully equipped to carry on researches?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is attached to the Department of Industries and for such researches as are necessary for the working of that department facilities have been afforded.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*) may I know whether the results of all the researches carried on by the Department of Industries could be found in the annual reports?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Such of them as are important are mentioned in the reports.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Am I to understand that except those mentioned in the report no other research is carried on or has been carried on?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say all that. Anything worth mentioning finds a place in the bulletins and reports issued by the Department.

Botany Section of the Science College.

74. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Principal of the Science College recommended the abolition of a Demonstrator's post in the Botany Section when the appointment of an Assistant Professor of Botany was recommended by him;

(*b*) whether the Principal recommended the appointment of two additional Demonstrators when the Government sanctioned the appointment of an Assistant Professor; and

(*c*) whether the Principal has recommended the appointment of an additional Professor, after the Government have sanctioned the appointment of the Demonstrators?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) At the instance of the Principal of the College, the Director of

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